



Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

August-September 2020

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Welcome to the New League Year

Your LWVCC year is ready to begin in September with our LWVOR Cybersecurity Study consensus. The recipe for *How We Do This* during the pandemic begins with ZOOM unit meetings in September for consensus discussion. For more information, below..

As we progress through our League year, Board members are doing our best to adapt to the new reality by keeping in touch with you via frequent emails with links to reading materials which focus on current events as well as our planned voter service and advocacy programs.

Privacy and Cybersecurity Study

Marge Easley,

Please mark your calendars! Our September LWVCC program will take place via Zoom during the first two weeks in September, featuring the state League's *Privacy and Cybersecurity Study*, which was completed last year. You will have three separate unit meetings to choose from, and each will have a facilitated small-group discussion using the [Participants Consensus Worksheet](#) (included as a separate document with this mailing. If you're not comfortable with Zoom, not to worry. [Zoom for Beginners](#) * may be just what you need, or we'll be happy to receive your answers to the consensus questions by snail mail. * <http://lwvor.org/covid-19-zoom/>

So you can be ready for the consensus process, it would be helpful to assign yourself a bit of homework, to be completed by the end of August. The preference would be to read the full study. You can read it online using this [link](#), or if you prefer the printed version and have not yet received one, just contact Sarah Andrews at the LWVOR office (sarah@lwvor.org, 503-581-5722) and request that a hardcopy of the study be mailed to you. If a YouTube video is more to your liking, a less technical option is to watch a portion of the *Privacy and Cybersecurity caucus presentation* from this year's LWVUS Convention. To condense the viewing time, we suggest that you watch the segment beginning at 4 minutes and ending at 29 minutes.

Stay tuned for the exact dates and times of the Zoom unit meetings. You'll receive an email invitation a day or so beforehand that will have the links to join the meetings.

Celebrate Woman Suffrage Anniversary with AAUW

AAUW Lake Oswego is celebrating the centennial of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, on August 26, 1920. They have invited League members to join the celebration. There are several ways you can participate in honoring this significant event in the lives of women. For more information about the events visit contact <https://lakeoswego-or.aauw.net/> or contact lakeoswegoaauw@gmail.org.

1. Visit the Suffragettes Display in the Rose Garden at the Lake Oswego Heritage House on Sunday, August 23rd from 11:00 to 4:00. The West Linn Historical Society and artist Elizabeth Rocchia have developed a display with life size cutouts of ten suffragettes who shepherded the movement for women to get the vote from the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 to the ratification of the 19th amendment in 1920. The display includes short biographies and quotes from the women represented. Docents will be available to answer questions. This is an outdoor event. Please wear masks and respect social distancing. For more information visit <https://lakeoswego-or.aauw.net/>.

2. Join our Zoom Celebration at 5:30 on August 26th. We will show pictures of the Chalk the Vote art, show the video *The Long Road to Woman Suffrage* by Marge Easley of the Oregon League of Women Voters, and draw the winner of the Centennial Quilt. You can register for the celebration at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pceGvqjovHdKIILFULpZ8gmD_8ro4TDUo.

3. Participate in Chalk the Vote on August 26th. Write a message in chalk on a sidewalk or driveway that lets everyone know this is the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote. Take a picture of your artwork and share it on social media using the hashtag #ChalkTheVoteOR or email your picture to lakeoswegoaauw@gmail.com.

4. View the Women's Suffrage Centennial Quilt created by four of our members at <https://www.loaauw.org/>. There is wonderful information about the women's suffrage movement in the United States. You can also buy raffle tickets and for a chance to win the quilt.

It's time to pay your Dues!

Our fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. We are collecting membership dues for 2020-2021. We miss seeing you in person! The League of Women Voters has a well-deserved reputation for defending the foundation of a democracy as free and fair elections. Oregon is fortunate to have a well-functioning vote-by-mail system, but we still have work to do concerning limits to and transparency of political donations and who gets to make redistricting decisions. Your membership enables our League to do its work. Thank you to those who have already renewed their membership.

\$70 per member, \$35 for household member. Please send your check payable to LWVCC to

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Welcome, New Members!

Dr. Janis Clark, Wilsonville

Diana DeMaria, West Linn

We are so pleased you joined our League in June.

Recap of July 29 LWVUS Leadership Meeting

The LWVUS Convention in late June was a week-long Zoom event. Perhaps the attendance was greater due to the online venue. Attendees were from all 50 states, DC and the Virgin Islands. In the post-convention survey, 47% of the attendees rated the meeting “great” and 47% rated the meeting “good”.

On July 29, LWVUS held a Leadership Meeting as a follow-up to the National Convention via Zoom. LWVUS President, Dr. Deborah Turner, and CEO, Virginia Kase shared messages. This Zoom meeting may be sent out for viewing at your leisure in the future. It lasts over an hour. Here are highlights.

President Deborah Turner’s charges to the League were:

1. Strengthening the LWV for the next 100 years.
2. Acting on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI). The time for talking and training is over, and it is time to bring DEI home. We need multiple voices and views.
3. Becoming an Intergenerational enterprise. Facilitating Intergenerational Dialogue.
4. Become a non-stoppable force.

Virginia Kase, CEO, spoke to issues that the League is facing now and answered questions raised during the Convention.

A. NONPARTISAINSHIP

1. There have been primarily outside accusations to the LWV non-partisan status and practice. The issue blew up during the Kavanaugh confirmation
2. The League remains nonpartisan.
3. Voting and the Right to Vote are not partisan issues.
4. LWVUS is increasing partnership with other organizations [i.e., YWCA]

B. ELECTIONS: Top Priorities

1. Election concerns
2. Need for modernizing services
3. Concern about voter suppression and lack of poll workers
4. Fully resourcing [vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org)

C. COVID-19

1. The League has resources for using virtual platforms and advice for staying connected virtually.
2. Requiring voters to wear masks can be voter suppression.
3. LWVUS is a member of the National Elections Crisis Task Force.
4. GOTV Best Practices can be found at [League-management-elections-tools/GOTV best practices guide](https://www.league.org/league-management-elections-tools/gotv-best-practices-guide).

D. TRANSFORMATION ROADMAP & STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

1. Continuing Administrative and technical support to the Leagues addressing local league infrastructure and procedures and processes
2. Pass through grants of \$750,000 have been sent to local and state Leagues for Leadership Development training
3. Many things that happen in LWV are due to preferences and traditions, instead of processes
4. Compliance and Risk Management
5. Increasing communication League-to-League

LWVUS Responds to DHS Crackdown on Portland Protests

7/22/2020

WASHINGTON – Today the League of Women Voters of the United States board of directors and the League of Women Voters Education Fund board of trustees issued the following statement in response to federal agents attack on peaceful protestors:

“The increasing number of attacks on our democracy by some elected leaders and appointed members of our government are violating the first amendment rights of people in this country and requires our organization to speak out against the actions of this administration.

“On Tuesday the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection division confirmed that it deployed officers from three paramilitary-style units to act against protestors in Portland, Oregon. Dressed in unidentifiable military gear, in unmarked vehicles, our government unleashed a wave of fear and intimidation against people executing their Constitutional right of free speech.

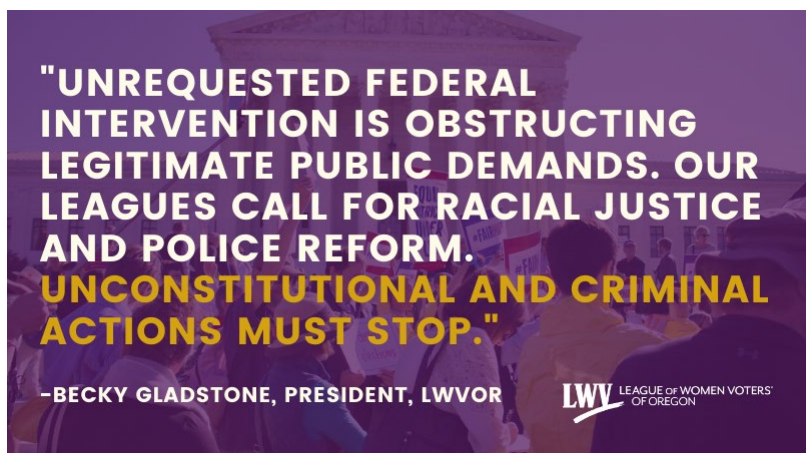
“This administration’s tactics all too closely resemble authoritarianism. We have seen out of control leaders, past and present, who have used their power to intimidate, attack, or arrest their opponents in the name of ‘law and order.’ These actions are unpatriotic and un-American.

“The League of Women Voters is calling on the President and his administration to put an end to these unconstitutional acts. We also call on Congress to exercise its power to hold the administration accountable, immediately investigate the Department of Homeland Security and any other government agency involved in these heinous acts, and stand up for American democracy.

“The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose mission is to empower voters and defend democracy. We neither support nor endorse candidates or political parties. For 100 years the League has stood firm in the belief that government has a responsibility to represent and serve the interests of the people, not individuals in power.”

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LWVOR also protested the DHS actions.





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- ☐ I am renewing my membership.
- ☐ This is a gift membership. (Please provide the recipient's contact information above.)
- ☐ I am interested in volunteering for the League. Please contact me.

Annual dues: \$70 Individual. \$105 Household. Full-time student attending an accredited institution or adult under age 25 free! Membership grants are available.

Total Enclosed _____

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